liberty answers, 'c No, I am still the Queen of England's poor captive.' Sir Robert wished him to conceal it, because it diminished his credit, which was greater among the mariners than he had thought, therefore he graces him as much as possible, finding Ralegh very greedy to anything to recover the conceit of his brutish offence

They have found a thing worth looking on, rats, white and black, and a drink like smoLe in taste

25^ *September* THE COURT AT OXFORD

At nine in the morning a divinity lecture was read by Mr Holland, her Majesty's Reader in Divinity, at which many scholars were present but few of the nobility The Lords of the Council dined with Mr Saville at Martin College in the common hall, where, after dinner, they heard a disputation in philosophy which was determined by Mr Saville, who because one of the questions had been 'c *An dissensiones ciuium sint respublicae utiles ?*' (Whether the disagreements of citizens are useful for the state) took occasion to commend by name the Lord Treasurer, who was present, the Lord Chamberlain, the Lord Admiral and the Earl of Essex This done the Lords went to sit in Council

ijtb September THE QUEEN AT OXFORD

In the afternoon the Queen came again to St Mary's and listened to questions in Law and Divinity, the last act being determined by the Bishop of Hereford, who argued against the question, ' *An hcet in Christiana respubhca dissimulare in causa religionis ?* ' (Whether it be lawful in a Christian commonwealth to feign in the cause of religion) Upon which he made so copious and eloquent an oration that the Queen twice sent to him to cut short his words because she meant herself to make a speech that night But he either would not, or

else could not,
put himself out of a set methodical speech for fear lest he should
have marred it all and perhaps confounded his memory The
Queen was so tired that she forbore her speech that day

2&th September THE QUEEN LEAVES OXFORD

About ten in the forenoon the Queen sending for the Vice-
Chancellor and the Heads of Houses made them a speech in
Latin in which she thanked them for their entertainment, but